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Morton Grove Public Library

Spring Cleaning Donations Benefit Library

Donate those books found during spring cleaning to the Library. Books must be clean and in usable condition to be considered for donation. Bring materials to the Circulation Desk; please do not put donations in the book drop. Although the Library cannot assign a dollar amount to the books, for tax purposes a letter can be sent to the donor recognizing the donation and listing the number of books received.

Books will be evaluated for addition to the Library's collection. If they cannot be added, they will be considered for the ongoing book sale or discarded. Revenue from the sale from these books is added to the Library's budget for the purchase of new materials.

When making a donation, please observe the following from the Library's donations policy:
The Library accepts up to 100 hardcover or paperback books and audiovisual materials in good condition. Materials from the Chicago and Morton Grove areas are welcome for consideration in the Local History collection. Due to constantly changing information, the Library cannot accept anything over five years old in these subjects: accounting, computer science, economics, law, medicine, and science. Textbooks and Reader's Digest condensed books will not be accepted, either for the collection or the book sale.

International Festival Finishes Busy National Library Week

Libraries can easily reach around the world in seconds with the Internet. MGPL shows off a sampling of its own cultures at the International Festival, beginning at **1 p.m. on Saturday, April 25**. The program includes classical Indian dance, Spanish songs, a Korean folk dance group in colorful costume and students from St. Martha's School performing Filipino dances. Refreshments will be served.

Come celebrate National Library Week (April 19 - 25) with these additional programs. Oakton Community College Guitar Ensemble performs a medley on **Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m.**

Area libraries have declared **Monday, April 20** as "Book Lover's Day." If you are involved with a book group, you will want to attend our Book Talk Walk. Our Reader's Service Librarian will show you how to find background information on authors, book reviews and other valuable information. Limited sign-ups will be taken at the Reader's Service Desk. Call the Library for more information.

Then join Thinking Out Loud, the Library's Book Discussion Group for a discussion of *Snow in August* by Pete Hammill on **Tuesday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m.**

MGPL Webrary Is a Hit!

During the first week that the Library's new redesigned Web site, the Webrary®, was available to the public, users registered more than 7,800 hits. (A hit is anytime someone uses one of the pages.) This increase is more than *five times* the number of hits on the old Web site.

More people are discovering MGPL as one of the best organized, most comprehensive Web sites for the information they need. "(I) just wanted to tell you I think it is the most creative public library website online," wrote one librarian from Virginia. Another user from Ireland called the site "an excellent facility."

Try it for yourself and see: **www.webrary.org**

New Internet Classes Offered

Library staff members will be teaching two specialized Internet classes in March and April for those Morton Grove residents who have completed the Basic Internet class at the Library or who can demonstrate proficiency.

In March, *Search Engines* will be offered at the following times: Sat. 3/7 3:30 p.m., Wed. 3/11 7:30 p.m., Sat. 3/21 9:00 a.m., Tues. 3/24 7:30 p.m. Each session is limited to six participants.

In April, *Travel on the Internet* will be offered at the following times: Thurs. 4/2 6:30 and 7:30, Tues. 4/14 6:30 and 7:30, Sat. 4/18 9:30 and 10:30, Thurs. 4/23 6:30 and 7:30. Call to register for one time only. These sessions are limited to three people.

Priority will be given to those patrons who have taken the Library's Basics class. To register for the classes, call 965-4220.

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1 - 5
Closed Sunday, April 12 for Easter

Mark your calendar!

Calendar Summary

March

3/3	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
3/5	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
3/10	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
3/11	We	7:00	Does Your Child Have ADHD?
3/16	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *The Rainmaker (PG-13)*
3/17	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
3/22	Su	2:00	Concert: Morton Grove Park District Jazz Band
3/24	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
3/24	Tu	7:30	Book Discussion Group: *Serving in Silence* by Margarethe Cammermeyer
3/25	We	7:00	Slide/Lecture: Women in Aviation

April

4/4	Sa	10:30	Children's program
4/7	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
4/8	We	7:00	Travelogue: Iceland
4/9	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
4/12	Su		Library Closed for Easter
4/13	Mo	11:00 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Amistad* (R)
4/14	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
4/19 - 25			National Library Week
4/19	Su	2:00	Oakton Community College Guitar Ensemble
4/20	Mo		Book Lover's Day
4/21	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
4/21	Tu	7:30	Book Discussion Group: *Snow in August* by Pete Hammill
4/25	Sa	1:00	International Festival
4/28	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
4/29	We	7:00	Health Lecture: Migraines

Check our complete calendar on the Web at *http://www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html*

Programs

March

Internet Classes: Search Engines - Prerequisite for taking this class is the MGPL Internet Basics class or equivalent. Call to register. See article, page 1.

Does Your Child Have ADHD? See article, page 3. **Wed. 3/11 at 7 p.m.**

Morton Grove Park District Jazz Band – Get your toes tapping and hands clapping with the Big Band sounds of the Jazz Band directed by Ron Surace. **Sun. 3/22 at 2 p.m.**

Lecture: Women in Aviation – In honor of Women's History Month, Stephen Neulander, the first man to cross Lake Michigan in a hot air balloon, presents the stories of female aviators from the 1920s and 30s. **Wed. 3/25 at 7 p.m.**

April

Internet Classes: Travel on the Internet - Prerequisite for taking this class is the MGPL Internet Basics class or equivalent. Call to register. See article, page 1.

Travelogue: Iceland – Take the Ring Road with Myrla Brand to learn about Icelandic costume, food, and animals. Visit Reykjavik, Vatnajokull Ice Cap, Thingvellir, and the Blue Lagoon. Come see how the people have adapted the world's most geologically active country to their own needs. **Wed. 4/8 at 7 p.m.**

Concert: Oakton Community College Guitar Ensemble – Hear the strumming sounds of OCC's group. **Sun. 4/19 at 2 p.m.**

International Festival – See article, page 1. **Sat. 4/25 at 1:00**

Health Lecture: Migraines – Neurologist Dr. Michael Farhi addresses the signs and symptoms of migraines and how to treat and manage them. **Wed. 4/29 at 7 p.m.**

Lunch Time Movies

Pack a brown-bag lunch and head to the Library every **Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.** for Lunch Time Movies. Travel to faraway places, listen to thought-provoking discussions or meet historical figures during this 1½ hour video program.

Book Discussion Group

Thinking Out Loud, the Library's book group, meets **March 24 at 7:30 p.m.** to discuss *Serving in Silence* by Margarethe Cammermeyer. The title for the **April 21** discussion is *Snow in August* by Pete Hammill. Copies of the books are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Reader's Service Desk.

All programs held at the Library are free of charge and open to everyone, unless noted. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call the Library at (847) 965-4220, TDD 965-4236.

Kids Programs

Spend Those Book Bucks Before Reading Game Ends

Come in to spend your Book Bucks for prizes – and keep reading! Through mid-March, read books about the arts, sports and short stories (all books in the 700s and 800s) in the Children's School-Year Reading Game: *Explore the Numbers.* The last three weeks (until April 4) will be devoted to history (900s) and biographies.

Come for the reading game finale on **Saturday, April 4 at 10:30 a.m.** History comes alive through magic, juggling and general foolery when Kevin Adair takes the stage with his show about life in Renaissance England.

Certificates of participation and one $25 gift certificate will be awarded at the show.

Does Your Child Have ADHD?

Maybe you have noticed lately that your son blurts out answers before you've finished asking the question or that your child runs and climbs in situations where it is not appropriate.

These could be warning signs for ADHD, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, says Ruth Sterlin, a psychotherapist in private practice. She will address the topic **Wednesday, March 11 at 7 p.m.** telling parents what to look for, what impact ADHD has on the family and what types of practical solutions there are.

Award-Winning Books Get Attention on Children's Shelves

Every January, the American Library Association announces the winners of the Caldecott and Newbery Medals, the most prestigious awards in children's literature.

Paul Zelinsky won the 1998 Caldecott for his richly illustrated *Rapunzel.* The Newbery Medal was awarded to Karen Hesse for *Out of the Dust.* Since award-winning books are often in high demand, the Children's Department maintains a collection with multiple copies of each winner. Check one out today!

Calling All Artists

Get out your crayons, markers and imagination! The 25th Annual Children's Art Contest is accepting entries until **Monday, June 1.** Pick up a flyer with all the details in the Children's Department.

Battle of the Books

Wednesdays and Thursdays in March at 4:00 p.m., five 7th and 8th grade teams will be facing off in the Baxter Room for the Battle of the Books. Each contest pits two teams against one another to answer questions about books. Root for your favorite teams from East Prairie, Golf, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Park View, and Saint Martha.

Children's Classes

Spaces are still available in some classes for Spring session which begin the week of **March 23, 1998** and continue through the week of **May 11.**

Library Playtime for 2 1/2 Year Olds & Parents
Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents.

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00pm
Class limit – 12
Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3 Mon. 4:00 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 4:00 pm
Class limit – 15

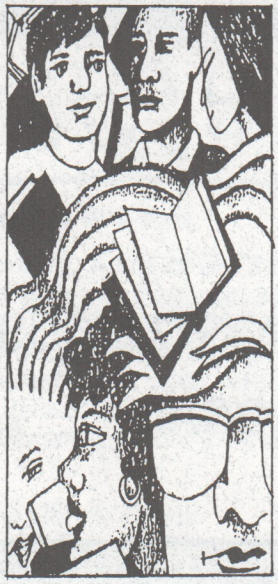
Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4:00 pm
Class limit - 40

Drop-in Storytime
Tuesdays at 1:30. No registration.

Literacy: Each One Teaches One

Volunteer to be a literacy tutor and reach out to adults who need to improve their reading and writing skills to pursue specific life goals. What qualities does a literacy volunteer need: the ability to read and write English, patience, dependability and a willingness to listen and learn.

Help someone today! Call Oakton Community College Alliance for Lifelong Learning at (847) 635-1426 for more information.



Films

March

The Rainmaker (PG-13 137 min.)
Francis Ford Coppola directs the movie version of this John Grisham novel. Matt Damon is a struggling new lawyer who takes on the case of a corporate insurance giant that refuses to pay for one man's leukemia treatment.
Mon. 3/16 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00

April

Amistad (R 145 min.) The now-legendary story of the revolt of the slave ship Amistad comes to the big screen with Steven Spielberg's touch. Djimon Hounsou plays Cinque, the slave who breaks free from his shackles and releases his fellow prisoners. The slaves stage an uprising on the ship, but land in an American court that determines their fates.
Mon. 4/13 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00

Hum a New Tune

Recently the Library added more than 50 new musical compact discs. Titles may be checked out for two weeks and may be renewed. Overdue fines are 10¢ per day.

Classical:

The Music of America - Aaron Copeland; *Piano Trios* – Joaquin Turina; *Marches Militaires* - Franz Schubert; *Faces of the Harp: Celtic & Contemporary; Bella Italia* – Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg.

Soundtracks:

Amistad; Kundun; Titanic;

Easy Listening:

Share My World – Mary Blige; *Swing* - Manhattan Transfer; *Higher Ground* - Barbra Streisand

Popular:

Reggae Greats – Jimmy Cliff; *Sweet Potato Pie* – Robert Cray; *EV3* - En Vogue; *The Dance* - Fleetwood Mac; *Surfacing* - Sarah McLachlan; *Be Here Now* - Oasis; *Billy Breathes* - Phish; *Peace and Noise* – Patti Smith; *Wanted Dread & Alive* – Peter Tosh; *Pop* - U2.

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Reference Round-up

A
spring
smorgasbord of new
materials awaits patrons in the Reference Department.

What's it like to live in a different city? An unexpected source of demographic information can be found in the 1998 edition of ***Editor and Publisher Market Guide.*** Find out population and income statistics, the principal shopping centers and retail stores, and many other useful facts.

Encyclopedia of Angels by Rosemary Guiley is a nicely illustrated compendium of information on angels and similar beings in Western and non-Western religions.

After more than 10 years, the old ***Guide to American Law*** has been updated as the 10-volume *West's* ***Encyclopedia of American Law,*** a comprehensive source on current and historical legal issues in the United States.

What are the origins of the German language? What does "prosody" mean? These and other questions about the grammatical terms, history, and theory of languages can be answered with the ***Concise Oxford Dictionary of Linguistics.***

Opera lovers will rejoice that the Library now has the four volumes ***New Grove Dictionary of Opera,*** one of the best resources for information on all aspects of opera since its beginnings in Italy in1600.

Need help in selecting the best summer camp for your children? Take a look at the latest editions of two camp directories in the Reference Department: ***Frost's Summer Camp Guide*** and ***Guide to ADA-Accredited Camps.*** Each book has indexes to camps geared to special interests or sports, as well as to camps for children with special needs.

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